

2011 National Fire Academy Direct Delivery Course Schedule and Descriptions for South Dakota

This course listing contains the course descriptions for nine courses allotted to South Dakota by the National Fire Academy (NFA) for the federal fiscal year FY11, along with the scheduled course dates. Course flyers will be sent out to all departments and posted on the South Dakota Fire Marshal Office (SDFMO) website approximately 60 days prior to the class. The flyers will include location information, contact information, and how to pre-register, in addition to a course description. Start times and locations are subject to change.

The NFA requires a minimum of 20 pre-registered students to conduct these courses. Students must pre-register 40 days in advance to allow the NFA time to order and ship course materials, and to arrange for NFA instructor travel.

There is no cost to attend the courses, but the courses may be held at conferences which require a registration fee for other activities.

Contact the SDFMO for further information at (605) 773-3562 or visit the SDFMO website training page at:
http://dps.sd.gov/emergency_services/state_fire_marshall/training.aspx

January

Leadership II: Strategies for Personal Success

January 22 & 23, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - Sioux Falls Fire Training Center

Leadership II provides the company officer with the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course addresses ethics, use and abuse of power at the company officer level, creativity in the fire service environment, and management of the multiple roles of the company officer.

Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations (STICO)

January 29 & 30, 2011, 9:00 a.m. MST- Rapid City Fire Department Main Station

STICO is designed to meet the needs of Company Officers responsible for managing the operations of one or more companies during structural firefighting operations. STICO is designed to develop the management skills needed by company officers to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires. The information covered in this class is valuable to firefighters at any level of experience, and all are encouraged to attend.

February

Decision Making for Initial Company Operations (DMICO)

February 19 & 20, 2011- Midwinter Muster, Western Dakota Technical Institute, Rapid City

Company Officers (CO's) have a real possibility of being the first to arrive at an incident, and the CO's initial decisions will have an impact throughout the entire incident. It is vital that they be able to make good management decisions that have a favorable impact on the eventual outcome. DMICO is designed to develop the decision making skills needed by CO's, acting CO's, or those firefighters who want to become CO's. Through decision making skills, students will learn to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires. All activities and scenarios used in this course are based on structure fires. Students will gain a clear understanding of the command system, the position they are assigned, and their role in the organization in order to function effectively and help make the system work.

Emergency Response to Terrorism: Strategic and Tactical Considerations for Supervisors (ERT:STCS)

February 26 & 27, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Aberdeen Fire Station 2

This course is designed for the responder who may be responsible for initial and expanded command of incidents involving terrorism. The course will build upon the students' existing skills as an Incident Commander (IC), a practitioner of ICS/NIMS, and member of the National Response Framework. The class will assist the officer in preparing an effective response to the consequences of terrorism. Lectures, case studies, and practice scenarios will enable the students to apply their knowledge of pre-incident planning, managing emergency incidents, and operating as part of a Unified Command structure to ensure the safety of responders while bringing the incident to a successful conclusion.

March

Decision Making for Initial Company Operations (DMICO)

March 5 & 6, 2011 9:00 a.m., Brookings Fire Department

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Preparation for Initial Company Operations (PICO)

March 12 & 13, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Sioux Falls Fire Training Center

PICO is designed for Company Officers, acting Company Officers, or senior firefighters responsible for the management of a single fire company at an emergency incident, and those officers who are responsible for company readiness, personnel safety, and leadership as it relates to company operation. PICO aims to help students develop a better understanding of the role and responsibilities of a Company Officer in preparing the company for incident operations. In addition, the course helps clarify the transition from firefighter to Company Officer and the new roles relating to leadership and safety.

Introduction to Wildland/Urban Interface Firefighting for the Structural Company Officer (IWUIFSCO)

March 19 & 20, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Pierre Main Fire Station

This course identifies operational activities and safety concerns for structural Company Officers (and Firefighters) assigned to a wildland/urban interface incident. Topics covered include introduction to wildland/urban interface firefighting, interface environment, wildland fire behavior, command and control issues of wildland/urban interface firefighting, and tactics.

Students will learn how to describe: a wildland/urban interface environment, considerations in the wildland environment that may be different in the structural environment, wildland firefighter tactical approaches, factors that affect the start and spread of wildland fires, fuel considerations in wildland incidents, topography considerations in wildland incidents, and weather considerations in wildland incidents.

Students will learn to identify: equipment considerations, communications considerations, command and control reporting issues, the 18 Watch Out Situations, the 10 Standard Firefighting Orders, along with typical tasks involved, deployment concerns, and safety issues in a wildland or wildland/urban interface incident when assigned various functions. Students will also learn how to conduct an incident size up, including safety considerations, and how to recognize situations that indicate problem or extreme wildland fire behavior.

Command and Control of Wildland/Urban Interface Fire Operations for the Structural Chief Officer (CCWUIFOSCO)

March 26 & 27, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Mitchell DPS Fire and Police Building

This course is designed to provide students with the essential tools and skills to operate safely in a wildland/urban interface incident. It also provides the basic information to enable an officer in charge of multiple units to provide for safe and effective operations at a wildland/urban interface incident. Topics include different interface incidents, fire behavior, safety, and operational considerations.